

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7307

Investigation into Vermont Electric Utilities' Use of)
Smart Metering and Time-Based Rates)

Order entered: 8/4/2010

ORDER RE: MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On April 28, the Group of Municipal Electric Utilities,¹ Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, Green Mountain Power Corporation, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc., City of Burlington Electric Department, Town of Stowe Electric Department, Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Vermont Marble Power Division of Omya, Inc. (collectively, "the Utilities") filed a motion for a six-month extension of time for filing the reports required by paragraph 59(C) of the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the parties to this docket. That paragraph required each distribution utility to file a report with the Board and the Department of Public Service discussing its ongoing AMI efforts.

The Utilities assert that the intent of the filing deadline in the MOU was that companies would submit their report after they had an opportunity to collaborate further on actual deployment choices, primarily in the context of CVPS's anticipated Smart Power Project. The Utilities argue that a six-month extension of time would likely "materially enhance the quality of those reports as well as facilitate the full accomplishment of the underlying goals of this docket."

The Department supports a six-month extension. The Department agrees with the Utilities that the present deadlines were based upon the assumption that CVPS's plan would be further along than has actually occurred.

1. Barton Village, Inc. Electric Department, Village of Enosburg Falls Water & Light Department, Town of Hardwick Electric Department, Village of Hyde Park Electric Department, Village of Jacksonville Electric Company, Village of Johnson Water & Light Department, Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department, Village of Lyndonville Electric Department, Village of Morrisville Water & Light Department; Village of Northfield Electric Department, Village of Orleans, Inc. Electric Department, Town of Readsboro Electric Light Department, and Swanton Village, Inc. Electric Department.

We grant the Utilities' request and extend the deadline for six months (until November 3, 2010) to file the reports required by paragraph 59(C).² This will provide the Utilities with additional time to collaborate and inform future deployment plans for advanced metering infrastructure.

We are aware, however, that the Utilities have jointly received a grant from the U. S. Department of Energy, which must be used within the particular time period. We had expected that the paragraph 59(C) reports would provide information related to the implementation efforts based upon this grant. Although we extend the deadline for submission of those reports, it would still be useful for each utility to update the Board on the grant monies it expects to receive and its efforts to effectively use the federal funding. Each distribution utility shall file such an update by September 15, 2010.

SO ORDERED.

2. In several places, the Utilities request a six-month extension. However, in the final sentence, they also state that they seek an extension until February 3, 2011, which is nine-months after the current deadline (the present deadline is nine-months after the Board's Order, which was issued August 3, 2009). Given the conflict between these requests, we rely upon the fact that the Utilities mention the six-month period several times and the Department specifically consented to a six-month extension.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 4th day of August, 2010.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 4, 2010

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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